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**RE: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL WETLAND CROSS-WALK FOR EXTRACTION SYSTEMS**

Dear Mr. Reising:

Ohio EPA has reviewed DOE's July 23, 2001 submittal, "Substantive Wetland Permitting Cross-Walk for the Waste Storage Area Extraction System, Phase 1 and South Field Extraction System Supplemental Wells Project." Based upon this review, Ohio EPA conditionally approves the document. The condition for approval is that DOE include a stabilization/revegetation effort equivalent to that utilized by OU4 during similar impacts to the Pilot Plant Drainage Ditch. Timely and appropriate revegetation is essential to the function of these types of wetland/riparian systems.

DOE must ensure the document is followed during field work and that appropriate stabilization/revegetation of the Pilot Plant Drainage Ditch and Storm Sewer Outfall Ditch is completed following construction.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (937) 285-6466.

Sincerely,

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